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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the accompanying verified translation of the German language text of PCT/DE2003/002781, filed August 21, 2003; published as WO 2004/031873 A23 and A3 on April 15, 2004, and claiming priority to DE 102 45 658.5, filed September 30, 2002, the verified translation forming the entire specification and claims of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, prior to the calculation of the filing fee, and prior to an examination of the application on the merits, as follows.